

**CITY OF CLINTON
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM – 305 MONROE STREET**

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER Mayor Phil Fisher

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The invocation was led by Alderman Barnett followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag led by Alderman Cronin.

ROLL CALL City Clerk, Russell Wall

Present: Jehu Brabham – Alderman-at-Large
 David Ellis – Alderman Ward 1
 Jim Martin – Alderman Ward 2
 William O Barnett – Alderman Ward 3
 Greg Cronin – Alderman Ward 4
 Jan Cossitt – Alderwoman Ward 5
 Mike Cashion – Alderman Ward 6

RECOGNITIONS

The Mayor read two letters from citizens. The first letter was from Bill Broadus complementing the Sewer Department for work they performed on a sewer problem. The second letter was from Bobby Hall complimenting the Parks and Recreation Department for the addition of exercise machines and other equipment at the Wood Activity Center.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing was held to discuss the laying out and construction of a public sewer system in the Southern Oaks Subdivision. Sammy Asemota of 404 Windsor Drive had two questions. The first question was whether the City was responsible for financing the project and the second question was who would own the project when completed. The Mayor informed Mr. Asemota that based on the past all other projects of this kind were financed by the persons that would gain the benefit and that the City would own and maintain the system once it was completed. Larry Ezell, President of the Homeowners Association read a statement from the association that supported the project and asked that the board approve the project as soon as possible. The statement is made a part of these minutes. James W. Nobles, Jr was unable to attend the Public Hearing; however he submitted a written statement against the project. His written statement is made a part of these minutes. No other comments from the citizens of the Southern Oaks Subdivision was received or made. The Mayor then closed the Public Hearing.

After the board considered both the oral and written comments the following motion was made:

APPROVE A RESOLUTION FINDING LACK OF OBJECTION OR PROTEST SUFFICIENT TO PRECLUDE THE MUNICIPALITY FROM PROCEEDING WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND THE ASSESSMENT OF THE COST OF SUCH SEWER SYSTEM AGAINST THE PROPERTY BENEFITTED AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES FOR THE SOUTHERN OAKS SEWER SYSTEM

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** was made by Alderwoman Cossitt and **SECONDED** by Alderman Brabham to approve a resolution finding lack of objection or protest sufficient to preclude the municipality from proceeding with the construction of a sanitary sewer system and the assessment of the cost of such sewer system against the property benefitted and for related purposes for the Southern Oaks Sewer System. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A - D

MOTION made by Alderman Barnett and **SECONDED** by Alderwoman Cossitt to approve the Consent Agenda Items A-D. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Mike Warren, Police Chief reported to the board the statistics for calls for service, traffic stops, number of tickets written, and number of arrests for the period February 24, 2014 through March 9, 2014 as compared to the same period in 2013. He also informed the board that he had met with the organizers of the Will Graham weekend to discuss the traffic and parking plan for the event. He also informed the board that he had hired one new police officer.

Barry Burnside, Fire Chief reported the statistics on the number of service calls including medical and fire calls for the period January 1, 2014 through March 17, 2014 as compared to the same period in 2013. He also updated the board on various activities and programs the fire department was involved in. These activities and programs included a visit from students from the Magnolia Speech School, a meeting with various agencies that would be involved with the Will Graham weekend, that his department would assist with the Mud Heights event to be held the coming weekend, and that four fighter positions were recently posted and that he was anticipating the hiring process to be completed by June 2014.

Mike Parker, Director of Public Works reminded the board of the upcoming City Wide Cleanup event to be held March 29, 2014 through April 5, 2014, that someone had run into the City sign on Northside Drive and he was in the process of repairing the damage, and he updated the board on the sewer backup problem on Beverly Drive.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

APPROVE THE NOMINATIONS FROM THE ALDERMAN-AT-LARGE OF TOM HENDERSON, FROM THE ALDERMAN OF WARD 1 OF LAUREN PARKER, FROM THE ALDERMAN OF WARD 2 OF RICKY NATIONS, FROM THE ALDERMAN OF WARD 3 OF DEANNA DILLARD, FROM THE ALDERWOMAN OF WARD 5 OF MARILYN HOOKER, FROM THE ALDERMAN OF WARD 6 OF MORISA TRIPP, AND FROM THE MAYOR OF CHANTAE COURTNEY TO THE CITY OF CLINTON LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board approved the nominations from the Alderman-at-Large of Tom Henderson, from the Alderman of Ward 1 of Lauren Parker, from the Alderman of Ward 2 of Ricky Nations, from the Alderman of Ward 3 of Deanna Dillard, from the Alderwoman of Ward 5 of Marilyn Hooker, from the Alderman of Ward 6 of Morisa Tripp, and from the Mayor of Chantae Courtney to the City of Clinton Library Committee. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE THE NOMINATIONS FROM THE ALDERMAN-AT-LARGE OF BRITTNEY STRIBLY MCHANN, FROM THE ALDERMAN OF WARD 1 OF REAGAN RINGLER, FROM THE ALDERMAN OF WARD 2 OF JEFF FINCH, FROM THE ALDERMAN OF WARD 3 OF DR. TOMMYE HENDERSON, FROM THE ALDERMAN OF WARD 4 OF TINA RUFFIN, FROM THE ALDERWOMAN OF WARD 5 OF KEVIN ASHCRAFT, FROM THE ALDERMAN OF WARD 6 OF PHILIP MASSEY, AND FROM THE MAYOR OF KEITH COURTNEY TO THE CITY OF CLINTON HEALTHY CITY COMMITTEE

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board approved the nominations from the Alderman-at-Large of Brittney Stribly McHann, from the Alderman of Ward 1 of Regan Ringler, from the Alderman of Ward 2 of Jeff Finch, from the Alderman of Ward 3 of Dr. Tommye Henderson, from the Alderman of Ward 4 of Tina Ruffin, from the Alderwoman of Ward 5 of Kevin Ashcraft, from the Alderman of Ward 6 of Philip Massey, and from the Mayor of Keith Courtney to the City of Clinton Healthy City Committee. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

APPROVE A NOMINATION TO THE CITY OF CLINTON LIBRARY COMMITTEE

See the motion above for the Mayor's nomination.

APPROVE A NOMINATION TO THE CITY OF CLINTON HEALTHY CITY COMMITTEE

See the motion above for the Mayor's nomination.

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI AND STAGELITE ENTERTAINMENT INC TO PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT FOR JULY 4TH

Upon presentation by Cole Smith, Assistant Director of Maintenance Services in the Parks and Recreation Department, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Brabham the board authorized the Mayor to execute a contract between the City of Clinton, Mississippi and Stagelite Entertainment Inc. to provide entertainment for July 4th. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE DECLARING THE EQUIPMENT FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT ON THE ATTACHED LIST AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND FUTUREMORE, APPROVING THE DESTRUCTION AND/OR SALE OF SAID PROPERTY

Upon presentation by Cole Smith, Assistant Director of Maintenance Services in the Parks and Recreation Department, **MOTION** made by Alderman Cashion and **SECONDED** by Alderman Brabham the board approved declaring the equipment from the Parks and Recreation Department on the attached list as surplus property and furthermore, approved the destruction and/or sale of said property. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE THE PROPOSAL TO CREATE THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE AND TO APPROVE THE JOB DESCRIPTION AND PAY GRADE

Upon presentation by Michael Warren, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Martin and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cronin the board approved the proposal to create the position of Assistant Chief of Police and approved the job description and pay grade. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ACCEPT THE DONATION OF \$25.00 FROM WILMA Y DANIEL TO THE CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Upon presentation by Michael Warren, Police Chief, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion the board accepted the donation of \$25.00 from Wilma Y Daniel to the Clinton Police Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVE A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 2014 AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

Upon presentation by Phil Fisher, Mayor, **MOTION** made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Barnett the board approved a proclamation declaring March 2014 as American Red Cross month. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

OTHER BUSINESS

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO HIRE AN APPRAISER TO APPRAISE PARCEL NUMBER 2860-501-860 LOCATED IN THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI

Upon presentation by Ken Dreher, City Attorney, **MOTION** made by Alderman Ellis and **SECONDED** by Alderman Martin the board authorized the Mayor to hire an appraiser to appraise Parcel Number 2860-501-860 located in the City of Clinton, Mississippi. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Alderwoman Cossitt asked that committee descriptions be placed on the City's website along with the list of committee members.

Alderman Brabham announced that Habitat for Humanity would be rehabbing a house located in Cherry Park.

Alderman Brabham stated that he was very happy with the decision to go ahead with the Southern Oaks Sewer project and that he was proud to be a member of the board that followed the process involved with making this decision.

ADJOURN 7:52 P.M.

MOTION made by Alderman Brabham and **SECONDED** by Alderman Cashion to adjourn until the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to be held April 1, 2014 at 7:00 p. m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVED: _____

Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

Date

ATTEST: _____

Russell L. Wall, City Clerk

Date

